(ख) क्या सरकार इस प्रकार के स्कूलों के निर्माण कार्य में तेजी लाने का विचार रखती है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है तथा उस पर कितना धन खर्च किये जाने का विचार है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा और संस्कृति विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) से (ग) : सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Refund of earnest money deposited by unemployed graduates for allotment of bookstalls

1923. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestion from M.Ps for refund of all the earnest money deposited by a number of unemployed graduates for allotment of bookstalls on those stations which were previously held by M/s. Gulab Singh & Sons in Delhi and Ferozepur Division due to Supreme Court orders in this regard; and

(b) if so, what action is taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been decided to refund the earnest money to the applicants.

Upgradation of Telecommunication Net-Work

1924. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the hurdles in upgrading the existing telecommunication network comparable with developed countries;

(b) the details of required financial outlay for the same;

(c) the number of villages covered with telephone system; and

(d) whether it is a fact that STD calls are being done illegally or stealthily by fraudulent linkages of telephone connections and if so, the details of the preventive measures taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) The main hurdles inupgrading the existing telecom network comparable with developed countries are:

(i) non-availability of resources and

(ii) non-availability of reliable and fault free equipment due to absence of adequate manufacturing capactiy in the country.

(b) It is estimated that nearly Rs. 50,000 crores would be needed for complete upgradation of the existing network with electronic exchanges and reliable transmission media.

(c) Telephone facilities are available in 22,000 villages in the country.

(d) Such cases of diversion of lines for illegal STD connections are extremely rare. Special Vigilance squads have been set up in many cities to make surprise checks of distribution points and also act promptly in case of complaints.

Vayudoot serivces in the country

1925. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Vayudoot aircrafts, air routes, stations touched passengers and cargo carried daily during the last three months;

(b) whether Vayudoot is a loosing concern, is self sufficient or is making profits;

(c) the scopes for the expansion of